

## CATHERINE DERMODY

LLM, BA/LLB (Hons), PGDip EU Competition Law, GradDipEc

Catherine comes to the Bar with significant experience in competition and regulatory law, with a focus on network regulation, and merits and judicial review of regulatory decisions.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Catherine was a partner in the Competition and Regulatory practice at Gilbert + Tobin. Catherine was at Gilbert + Tobin for almost eight years, working in both the Sydney and Melbourne offices, and was made a partner in January 2010.

As a solicitor, Catherine specialised in regulatory law, in particular in the energy and telecommunications sectors. Catherine acted for both regulators and regulated entities in revenue and pricing matters as well as in judicial and merits reviews of regulatory decisions before appeals bodies, including the Australian Competition Tribunal.

Catherine has domestic and international experience in designing and advising on the implementation of competition and regulatory frameworks. Her international experience has been gained in diverse jurisdictions, including Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand, the United Kingdom, and Vanuatu.

Catherine also has experience in the public sector, commencing her career as a Graduate at the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission in 1998. She worked in both the Canberra and Melbourne offices, primarily in the area of telecommunications consumer protection and regulation. After six years at the ACCC, Catherine spent two years as a legal advisor at the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets in London.



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### AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Competition
- Consumer protection law
- Telecommunications and Broadcasting

## RAHMIN de KRETZER BCom, LLB

Rahmin accepts briefs in all litigious matters with a significant focus on criminal, quasi-criminal and disciplinary proceedings.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Rahmin developed a diverse general litigation practice at a boutique generalist firm in Melbourne's CBD. For nine years Rahmin appeared as a solicitor-advocate in a broad range of criminal matters.

Having had substantial exposure in criminal proceedings Rahmin has consequently developed and continues to develop his expertise in defending drug, assault, firearms, property/ deception, traffic and sexual assault offences. He has appeared in complex criminal proceedings at the committal and trial level.

As a solicitor Rahmin prepared a significant number of complex briefs for trial which has enabled him to consolidate the necessary preparation and research skills required to be an effective advocate.

Rahmin has also appeared in a number of quasi-criminal proceedings (Coroners Inquests, Confiscation matters, Legal Practice List at VCAT and Sporting Tribunals). He has defended Victorian Workcover Authority prosecutions under

the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 for workplace bullying (VWA v Rhys MacAlpine, Melbourne Magistrates' Court, 8 February 2010 and VWA v La HQ Pty Ltd, Sunshine Magistrates' Court 17 February 2012).

In the civil jurisdiction Rahmin has had carriage of a broad range of matters in the Magistrates' County and Supreme Courts. These matters include professional negligence claims, breach of directors' duties cases, contractual disputes, building and construction disputes, debt matters and tort claims.

Rahmin has regularly appeared in contested intervention order proceedings for both Applicants and Respondents.

Rahmin has also represented elite athletes in respect of contractual negotiations and provided advice on sponsorship agreements. He holds the position of Director on the Board of Swimming Victoria and through that role has undergone corporate governance training through the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Rahmin is currently reading with Sarah Leighfield.



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### AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Criminal Law (Appellate)
- Criminal Law
- Inquests
- Licensing and Disciplinary Tribunals
- Occupational Health & Safety
- Professional Negligence
- Torts
- Intervention Orders

## HOLLY RENWICK LLB

Holly Renwick comes to the bar with extensive experience in family/de facto law.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Holly was a Senior Associate in the family law division of a national law firm. While practicing as a Senior Associate, Holly had carriage of complex family property matters and challenging children's matters including child abduction and Hague Convention cases.

Holly also regularly appeared in contested proceedings in the Family Court and Federal Circuit Court.

Prior to working in family Law, Holly worked at the international firm, Minter

Ellison, both in New Zealand and Australia, and gained valuable experience in property law, specialising in high-profile property and infrastructure projects, major acquisitions, disposals and leases.

Holly accepts briefs in:

- family law/de facto financial and parenting matters;
- intervention orders;
- guardianship;
- criminal law matters;
- common law; and
- VOCAT.

Holly is reading with Andrew Strum. Her senior mentor is Martin Bartfeld QC.



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### AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Family Law and Guardianship
- Appellate
- Care and Protection
- Parenting Orders
- Property
- Criminal
- Proceeds of Crime/Money Laundering
- Fraud
- Drugs
- Property Offences
- Work Health and Safety
- Commercial Law
- Real Property

## GERARD O'SHEA BA, LLB, LLM (ALP), M Mil Stud, Grad Dip Mil Law, psc(j)

Gerard comes to the Bar with dual careers in law and the military.

While in the Army, Gerard developed a broad in-house practice. He specialised in inquiries into service deaths and other sensitive and complex incidents. He also practised in freedom of information and privacy law, work health and safety, criminal and disciplinary matters, and wills and estates.

In 2013 Gerard O'Shea was appointed counsel assisting to a Chief of Defence Force Commission of Inquiry. Operationally, Gerard has deployed to Iraq, East Timor and Afghanistan. In 2010-11 he was the principal legal advisor to coalition forces in Uruzgan province. As a result of these experiences Gerard is skilled at providing for practical outcomes in a wide range of complex adversarial situations.

After leaving the Army Gerard became a senior associate at Sharpe & Abel. There he worked on general commercial matters, focusing on corporate advice, regulatory compliance and dispute resolution in the engineering and technology sectors.

Gerard is a graduate of the Australian Command and Staff College and has served as an aide to the Governor of Victoria.

Gerard practices mainly in administrative and criminal law. He has a particular interest in regulatory and compliance matters.

Gerard is reading with Ben Ihle and his senior mentor is Simon Marks QC.



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### AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Administrative law (judicial review)
- Administrative law (merits review)
- Corporations law
- Disciplinary proceedings
- Inquests/Inquiries
- Privacy/FOI
- WHS
- Proceeds of crime
- Criminal law
- Criminal law (appellate)
- Wills and probate / Guardianship